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SUBJECT: CRITICISM IN HUNAN

1. THE "FOUR BIG WEAPONS" OF MASS CRITICISM (CONTENDING, BLOOMING, POSTERS, DEBAO S) CALLED FOR IN WANG HUNG-WEN'S PARTY CONGRESS SPEECH AND NOTED EARLIER IN CIRCULATION AT WUHAN (HONG KONG 11800; HONG KONG 11430) HAVE SURFACED IN HUNAN. A DECEMBER 4 HUNAN RADIO BROADCAST, REPORTING THE PEASANT CONGRESS THERE SAID THAT " IN LINE WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE PROVINCIAL CCP COMMITTEE, THE CONGRESS SPENT SOME CONCENTRATED TIME, ARMED WITH THE "FOUR BIG" IN ASSISTING THE PROVINCIAL CCP COMMITTEE TO CARRY OUT RECTIFICATION WITH THE DOORS OPEN."

2. WE READ THIS PASSAGE TO MEAN THAT THE CONGRESS INCLUDED A SESSION AT WHICH CRITICISM OF THE HUNAN PARTY LEADERSHIP WAS ORGANIZED AND CONDUCTED. FROM THE TONE, WE WOULD GUESS THAT THE SESSION WAS PROBABLY SEDATELY DONE, AND THAT THE SITUATION IN

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HUNAN DOES NOT COMPARE WITH THE MORE AGITATED SCENE IN WUHAN.

3. SOME DEGREE OF GUIDANCE FROM THE CENTER IN THE USE OF THE
"FOUR BIG WEAPONS" APPROACH TO CRITICISM IS NOW INDICATED,
AND A CAMPAIGN OF CRITICIZING LOCAL LEADERS CAN PROBABLY BE
EXPECTED TO DEVELOP WIDELY THROUGHOUT THE PRC. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE
TO JUDGE THE LIKELY SEVERITY OF SUCH CRITICISM AT THIS TIME.
WE WOULD GUESS THAT IT WILL VARY DEPENDING UPON LOCAL CIR-
CUMSTANCES.
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